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EXDIS BELGRADE FOR USDEL CSCE

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SUBJECT: CSCE

1. IN THE COURSE OF CONVERSATIONS WITH THE BRITISH AND GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTERS ON SUNDAY, THE SECRETARY DISCUSSED THE PROSPECTS FOR A SUBSTANTIVE DOCUMENT AT CSCE. WHILE RECOGNIZING THAT THERE WAS LITTLE CHANCE THAT THE SOVIETS WOULD COME OFF THEIR NEGATIVE STANCE, HE SAID HE WOULD TAKE IT UP SHORTLY WITH DOBRYNIN IN THE COURSE OF A GENERAL CONVERSATION. HE MENTIONED TO BOTH FOREIGN MINISTERS THAT HE WOULD LET THEM KNOW THE RESULTS. ON FEBRUARY 14 HE DID EXPRESS TO DOBRYNIN OUR CONCERN THAT VORONTSOV HAD NOT SO FAR NEGOTIATED SERIOUSLY ON THE NEUTRAL NON-ALIGNED DRAFT. DOBRYNIN REPLIED THAT MOSCOW WAS DETERMINED NOT TO LET THE BELGRADE MEETING PRODUCE A SECRET

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NEW BASIS FOR FUTURE ATTACKS AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES. HE ADDED: "OUR EXPERIENCE SHOWS HOW DANGEROUS IT IS TO PROVIDE PRETEXTS FOR INTERFERENCE IN OUR DOMESTIC AFFAIRS." IT WOULD, DOBRYNIN, SAID PREFER A SIMPLE COMMUNIQUE WHICH WOULD DO NO MORE THAN REFER TO THE TIME AND PLACE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

2. THE FOREGOING WAS PASSED TO THE BRITISH AND GERMAN
EMBASSIES HERE ON FEBRUARY 15 FOR THE INFORMATION OF
THEIR MINISTERS. VANCE

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